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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(As of 2400 EDT)

1. The rebel radio has broadcast an appeal to the "tigres" (young rebel civilian fighters) not to fire on "non-Dominican" troops in order not to create international incidents.
2. Captain Conde, who accompanied the Papal Nuncio on his visit to the US Embassy earlier told embassy officers that Colonel Caamano is aware his rebel force is infiltrated by many Communists but that he doesn't want to dispose of them now because they are useful to him. Caamano has said he "had" to go into revolt because he was a marked man, and his only hope was to hand out weapons indiscriminately to civilians; he has claimed he would be able to retrieve these weapons when the revolt is over.
3. Radio Havana continues exhortations to the rebels to fight on for the return of Bosch and "constitutionality." It is broadcasting savage charges against General Wessin and has referred to attacks on the US Embassy.

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4. Task Force 122 reported at 2200 EDT that sporadic small arms fire was being directed at Marines along the phase line just east of the embassy. The NMCC reported at 2310 EDT that five more Marines have been wounded. Total casualties now stand at: two Marines killed and 14 wounded; three airborne troops wounded.

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